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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 12 - 16 May 2003
Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **20 May 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **24 June 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **4-5 June 2003: Historical Review Panel:** Next meeting at State Department and CIA Headquarters.

(U//~~ATUO~~) **31 December 2006:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~ATUO~~) FOIA Requests

(U//~~ATUO~~) Ph.D. Candidate Wants Information on the Use of Students as Spies

(U//~~ATUO~~) A Ph.D. candidate at the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom asked for information on "any programs conducted in which American students were sent over/encouraged to study abroad in West Germany in order to track information regarding Communist activities during (1950-1970)." The student indicates she is writing her dissertation on student exchanges between the US and West Germany, and she is "not looking for specific persons, ... simply ... if any spy programs existed within the realm of student exchange."

(U//~~ATUO~~) AP Reporter Seeks Information on 1973 Murder in Maryland of Israeli Attache

(U//~~ATUO~~) A reporter for the Associated Press in New York wants all records on Yosef Alon and the investigation of his death. According to the requester, Alon was an Israeli military attache in Washington, DC who was killed in front of his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, on 1 July 1973.

(U//~~ATUO~~) Italian Requests Information on Former Italian Minister

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester from Milan, Italy, wants information on "Giuliano Ferrara (minister of the Italian

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government in 1994) to verify some claims he recently made in the press about his relationships with the CIA during the 1980s."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) CIA Declassification Center

(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: President Nixon Less Than Enamored With DI Analytic Support

(U//~~ATUO~~) Richard Nixon was less than pleased with CIA intelligence briefings, according to a 1969 document that was reviewed recently at the CIA Declassification Center. A senior CIA staffer reported to DCI Richard Helms that Nixon made the remarks at a June 1969 National Security Council meeting. Nixon was reported to have said, "'people' have been showing a tendency to use intelligence to support conclusions rather than to arrive at conclusions. I don't mean to say they are lying about the intelligence or distorting it, but I want you 'fellows' (i.e., CIA analysts, briefers) to be very careful to separate facts from opinions in your briefings. After all, I'm the one who has to form the opinion -- I'm the one who has to run, I'm the one who has sole responsibility when things go to pot ... the fact is that the intelligence projections for 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968 -- and I've seen them all -- have been up to 50 percent off in what the Russians were going to have, and on the low side (to boot) ... Now certainly we can have opinions and I want to hear them expressed here in this room, but we have got to start with facts -- and all the facts -- and reach conclusions on the basis of hard fact. Is that understood now?" Helms, in turn, passed the memo to DDI R. Jack Smith, noting that it was an accurate reflection of what the President said and that the Agency must be "most scrupulous" in abiding by his wishes. [REDACTED]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: "Body Emanates Fiery Balls From Its Rear End"

(U//~~ATUO~~) "A fiery gleam in the sky" from a "cigar-shaped body" was observed in the USSR in 1953 by German prisoners of war, according to a document that was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center. "PWs of the Ayuta Camp, about 15 to 20 kilometers west of Shakhty ... observed a fiery gleam in the sky. This gleam appeared to the south and moved across the PW camp toward the north. There was a clear moon and informant observed a cigar-shaped body which emanated fiery balls from its rear end. The fiery balls extinguished at some distance from the flying body, which was about 1-1/2 times the size of the moon as it appeared in the sky. About a minute after the fiery balls were emanated, a rumble was heard and a light percussion was noticed like that produced by the distant detonation of bombs." The report included the observations of another PW who believed the object that he saw "was driven by a rocket motor which worked intermittently." [REDACTED]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) From the Archives: "Billy The Kidd" Penetrates CIA Headquarters

(U//~~ATUO~~) "Billy the Kidd," a convicted "burglar and con man," alleged to Arlington Police that he penetrated CIA Headquarters, according to a 1981 document that was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center. The CIA's Office of Security investigated the allegation and determined that six years previous "while employed by a local contractor as a plumber's helper, Kidd may have had access, under escort, to repair a toilet on the third floor of the Headquarters building." [REDACTED]

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